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THE NEWS.

The nation had a full blown rumor yesterday, one of the olden time. It was started by railroad to New York and Boston telegraphed widely. Our right adjutant was killed, Gen. Hooker, galloped, rode, "fighting Joe" was killed again. To all this a quiet Chaplain at Falmouth gives the quietus by his statement, which we give with the original rumor elsewhere. Gen. Burnside's order to his soldiers rings like the note of a bugle. The advices from the Rappahannock are to yesterday.

In the House the Treasury Bill is still under discussion. Sunset Cox took occasion at vent his spleen against New England, from present appearances the national banking system of Mr. Chase, strengthened by the recommendation of the President, will be adopted in important points wherein it has the sympathies of the people.

The Copperheads of the several Legislatures are in session are as much like one another as they are unlike loyal men. In the Wisconsin Senate, Senator Whallon yesterday gave those gentry a sound setback in a resolution on antidote to Keogh's treason of the previous day. In Springfield the traitors are cowed by a whole some realization that they are getting too far ahead. The move of Vandeveer, though a legitimate sequence of Goudy and Fuller's teachings, has frightened the more sensible of the crew. At Indianapolis the Secessionists have voted down an investigation into the secret organizations, as they decline to impeach themselves.

Fitz John Porter is cashiered and dismissed the service. He is a graduate of West Point, touched through and through with the worst instincts and traitorous. He entered the service in 1845. Was a native of New Hampshire. Any of our readers who are astonished at this, will remember that the editor of the secesh Times of this city was from Vermont. New England has always produced a limited breed of patriotism, deadly as cobras.

Elsewhere we give the first statement of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, relative to the transactions of his Bureau, combined with his highly satisfactory exhibit of results and prospects Mr. Boutwell makes many important suggestions, including modifications of the law. The entire document will be read with interest.

TRADE WITH THE REBELS.

We are glad to notice some slight decrease in the laxness of military rule under which the trade with the rebels in the Southwest has grown to enormous dimensions. We hail it as such, that Gen. Grant has issued an order advancing the price of permits for such trade; for though the sum of one hundred dollars is not one at which any of these sharp, unscrupulous traders will stick, it is sufficient to give a permit a character, and make the collection of the fee worthy the attention of the officers in charge.

But there is something wrong about it not yet reached. As we understand the purpose of the presence of our army in the Southwest it is to weaken the rebels. Practically it is and has been for, the past year only an immense body guard to a thousand cotton & merchant adventurers, running in and out of our lines, calling themselves loyal men, but little careful to establish the same character for those of whom they purchase cotton. For the rebels it has been a harvest they are wise to have only scantily interrupted. Now and then some over Adventurous possessor of a well lined purse has come to grief and been sent home plucked, but generally and by far the most common rule has been one of exemption for the cotton buyers, while millions of dollars were thus being poured in upon the Confederacy, who cursed the Yankee but pocketed Yankee gold. Is the right! Have not loyal men the right to claim that this cotton, the property of rebels be made common to the government, and to be seized at our expense? Manifestly and justly the singular spectacle has been exhibited of the Federal army in Arkansas and Mississippi, and the Federal flotillas on the river doing nothing so successfully as the protection of private cotton speculations.

We say nothing now of commanders and to the calls of duty with cotton in their eyes; of army trains given up to the transportation of private cotton; of relations of commanders conveniently present to father the bargains and save the appearance of shoulder-strapped complicity. We do not say that this greed of gain, this accursed thirst for cotton has held our armies idle for long months when work might have been done. We do not charge this, but we protest in the name of loyal men, the time has been Government look into the cotton traffic, and put an end to the enormities with which it is characterized.

When a traffic becomes so profitable that city bankers lay aside broadcloth, and assume the grimy duties of river firemen to be nearer to their coveted staple, when partnerships are formed and hands interlocked across the lines of the two armies, by which intercommunication a constant stream of cotton pours out, it is time to ask what is pouring in, and why it is permitted. With a wonderful precaution, many of these merchants carry with them well filled medicine chests to guard against the diseases of the region. And we learn that such is the low state of health among these men that they consume a great deal of medicine, especially quinine. Let this be looked to. The remedy is easy. Let all the cotton belong of right to the Federal Government. Let its officers deal with it as Government property, and give loyal men and taxpayers the benefit of its sale. The evil has gone on long enough, and the gate should now be shut down on the river steamboats. It must be, if the reduction of the rebels is really intended.

FRENCH DESIGNS ON TEXAS.

A New Phase of Secession, or Secession from Secession.

The most remarkable feature of the rebel intercepted correspondence is that concerning the Texas intrigues of the French Consul. These documents were being forwarded by Mr. Benjamin to Mr. Slidell. The following, which we lead in the publication made in the National Intelligencer, will interest our readers:

RICHMOND, October 19, 1862.

Mr. ——On to-day Mons. Taboueille, French Consul at Richmond, sought an interview with me in the Senate Chamber, and stated that he desired to obtain from me certain private information in regard to Texas. I told him I did not think I have the time to give him the desired information, but if he would call at my room I would take pleasure in giving him any information which I possessed. He promised to call this evening, but he did not, but left my room. I expect he will to-day give you the substance of the conversation between us, as it had a connection with the subject-matter of the correspondence between the Governor of Texas and yourself. Gen. Wigfall and myself spoke to him freely and frankly, and furnished him with information in regard to the area, population, debt, taxes and agricultural productiveness generally of Texas, he remarked that the resources of the State were magnificent and capable of supporting a powerful and independent people. I asked him what he thought it would not be to the interest of the State to assume an independent nationality. I told him that they never could have a more favorable occasion than the present. Texas had recently emigrated from the old States and from the Federal system of government, which, at some time, she might be called to join

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 26, 1865.

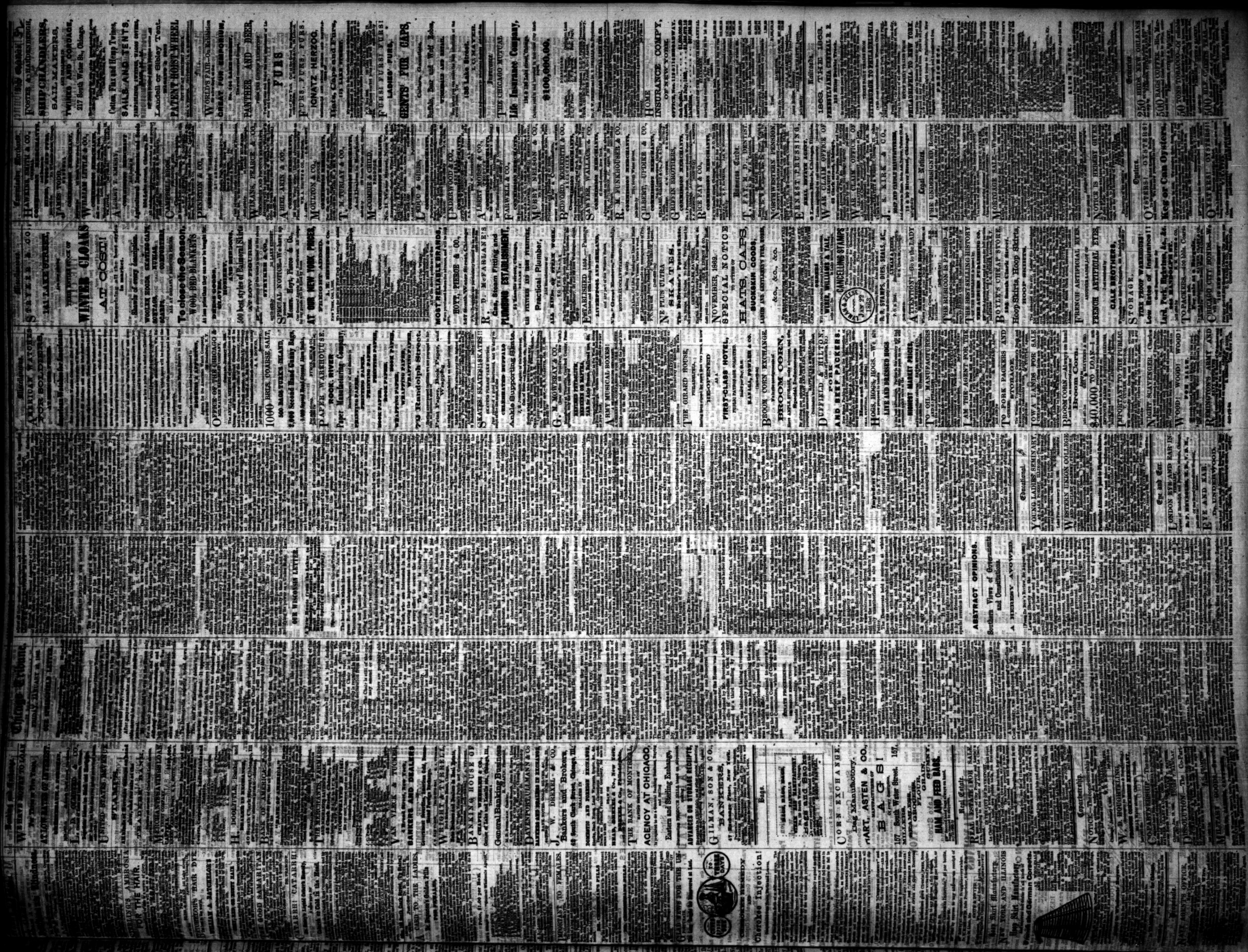
WE GIVE TO-DAY ANOTHER

Proclamation of Gov. Yates,

calling for the enlistment of volunteers to fill the quota of this State under the last call of the President. The full number of men required is 16,000, and the time allowed for their enlistment is limited to the 15th of February. The quota of the city of Chicago is 1,000 men, and the time allowed for their enlistment is limited to the 10th of February. The duty of the hour is plain. The rebellion is tottering to its fall, and the enlisting of a few additional soldiers will hasten the end. Let every man who can do so, enlist immediately.

Gov. Yates has also issued a proclamation calling for the enlistment of 5,000 men for the defense of the State against the Indians. This number is required by the Secretary of War, and the Governor has been authorized to raise them. The pay of the soldiers will be the same as that of those who enlist for the war, and the bounty will be the same. The men will be mustered into the service of the United States, and will be subject to the orders of the War Department. They will be employed in protecting the settlements on the frontier, and in guarding the overland mail route. The men will be enlisted for one year, unless sooner discharged. The rendezvous will be at Camp Douglas, Chicago, and at Camp Butler, Springfield. The quota of Chicago is 500 men, and the time allowed for their enlistment is limited to the 10th of February.

Let the men who have been drafted from Monday, December 19th, to Monday, January 2d, inclusive, and who have not yet reported, remember that the time allowed for their enlistment is limited to the 10th of February. Let them remember that the



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